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SUBJECT: TANAKA ARRIVAL

1. SUMMARY: JAPANESE PM TANAKA BEGAN FOUR-DAY VISIT TO INDONESIA ONSCHEDULE AMID HEAVY SECURITY PRECAUTIONS. STUDENTS ATTEMPTS TO DISRUPT ARRIVAL RESULTED IN ONLY SLIGHT DELAY. ON SAME DAY (JAN 14) MINISTER OF DEFENSE ISSUED TOUGH STATEMENT ASSERTING THAT SOME RECENT STUDENT ACTIONS WERE THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY AND STATING THAT PRESIDENT SUHARTO HAD AUTHORIZED MILITARY TO TAKE NECESSARY COUNTERMEASURES. PRELIMINARY REPORTS AS OF MID-DAY JAN 15 INDICATE WIDESPREAD STUDENT ACTIVITY (MUCH OF IT BY VOLATILE HIGHSCHOOLERS) AND SOM** DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY. END SUMMARY.

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2. PM TANAKA ARRIVED AMID TIGHT SECURITY PRECAUTIONS
EVE OF JAN 14. STUDENTS TEMPORARILY BLOCKED
APPROACH ROADS TO HALIM AIRPORT AND HANDFUL
MANAGED TO SLIP INTO AIRPORT ITSELF CARRYING ANTI-
JAPANESE BANNERS WHICH WERE CONFISCATED BY POLICE
RELIABLE PRESS REPORTS SAY TOTAL OF "HUNDREDS"
INVOLVED IN DEMONSTRATIONS. ACCORDING SEVERAL PAPERS
EIGHT WERE ARRESTED. TANAKA DEPLANING ONLY SLIGHTLY
DELAYED BY STUDENTS. ALTHOUGH MET BY PRESIDENT SUHARTO,
MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND JAPANESE COMMUNITY,
CEREMONIAL WAS KEPT TO MINIMUM AND PM WAS PROMPTLY
WISKED OFF TO STATE GUESTHOUSE.

3. EARLIER IN DAY GENERAL PANGGABEAN (COMMANDER OF
ARMED FORCES AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE) ISSUED STATEMENT
WHICH SAID THAT RECENT STUDENT ACTION WAS TRENDING
IN DIRECTION OF CONSPIRACY ("TINDAKAN MAKAR") AND
HAD BECOME THREAT TO THE STATE. PANGGABEAN (WHO HAD
JUST MET WITH PRESIDENT AND GEN. SUMITRO) TOLD
REPORTERS THAT PRESIDENT HAD AUTHORIZED DEFENSE
AUTHORITIES TO TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO MAINTAIN

SECURITY. PANGGABEAN SAID THAT GOVERNMENT HAD RECENTLY
"SLACKENED" STANDING BAN AGAINST DEMONSTRATIONS, BUT THAT THIS
SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS.

4. UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA RECTOR MARDJONO HAS APPARENTLY
QUALIFIED REPORTS THAT UNIVERSITY'S LEGISLATIVE BODY
(MAJELIS PERMUSYARAWATAN MAHASISWA) HAD INSTRUCTED
STUDENT COUNCIL TO STOP ALL "OUTSIDE
ACTIVITIES". ACCORDING DAILY KOMPAS MARDJONO
SAID THIS WOULD NOT MEAN A "CANCELLATION" OF
DEMONSTRATIONS SINCE STUDENT ACTIVITIES THAT
EMBODIED ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE COULD NOT
BE STOPPED. (COUNCIL LEADERS TOLD PRESS THEY
WOULD CONTINUE ACTIONS IN "PRIVATE" CAPACITY.)
LEADER OF UI LEGISLATIVE BODY SLAMET RAHARDJO
AND COUNCIL CHAIRMAN HARIM F SIREGAR ARE AMONG

STUDENTS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH TANAKA ON JAN 15,
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ACCORDING PRESS.

5. PRELIMINARY REPORTS AS OF MID-DAY JAN 15 INDICATE
WIDESPREAD STUDENT ACTIVITY, MUCH OF IT BEING CARRIED
ON BY VOLATILE HIGH SCHOOL POPULATION. SOME VIOLENCE
REPORTED AT DOWNTOWN TOYOTA AGENCY (NOT FAR FROM
STATE SECRETARIAT COMPLEX) WHERE TWO CARS REPORTEDLY
OVERTURNED. TWO LOCAL REPORTERS TOLD DEPUTY PAO

THAT SEVERAL CARS BURNED IN DOWNTOWN AREA BUT DETAILS NOT YET CONFIRMED. ON STREET NEAR EMBASSY (MERDEKA TIMUR) HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WERE STOPPING JAPANESE CARS AND LETTING AIR OUT OF TIRES AND BY EARLY AFTERNOON NUMEROUS CARS TOTALLY IMMOBILIZED. POLICE APPARENTLY MAKING LITTLE EFFORT TO CONTROL STUDENTS, ATLEAST IN SOME AREAS. ALSO, JAPANESE FLAGS DISPLAYED ON SOME MAIN STREETS REMOVED AND BURNED. SOME ADDITIONAL ARRESTS REPORTED BUT NO CASUALTIES.

6. COMMENT: PANGGABEAN STATEMENT (PARA 2) MAY HERALD END OF GOI TOLERANT STANCE TOWARD STUDENT ACTIVITY, WHICH HAS BEEN ONE FACTOR CONTRIBUTING TO RECENT UPSURGE.
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